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The Honorable Susan C. Schwab United States Trade Representative 600 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Schwab:

Your tireless work in support of an ambitious outcome in the Doha Development Agenda (Doha) negotiations is vital to economic growth in our country and future opportunities for American families. I congratulate you on your perseverance and urge your continued strongest efforts to ensure that these negotiations comprehensively open markets and eliminate barriers for U.S. farmers, manufacturers, service providers and their workers, as well as for U.S. consumers.

To ensure that the Doha Round fully benefits American families, a robust result is required across each major area of the negotiation. This includes:

- New market access for U.S. agricultural and manufactured goods and U.S. services through the reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers in key markets.
- Robust improvements in the trade-remedy area so that these rules reflect the growing complexity and openness of international trade, and to place greater disciplines in this area to prevent the abuse of these rules that other countries are increasingly using to impose new barriers against U.S. manufacturers, farmers, and retailers.
- Improvements in customs and trade facilitation rules.

I appreciate your strong efforts on the Doha negotiations and urge that the United States do all it can to achieve this type of outcome.

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